



Off-Range Corral and Pasture Operations Branch Update Advisory Board Meeting – Columbus, OH April 22, 2015

Off-Range Corral and Pasture Operations Branch

- Policy
- Off-Range Space
- National Information Center
- Placement into Private Care



Wild Horse and Burro Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program (CAWP) Off-Range Corral (ORC)/Off-Range Pasture (*ORP*)

- Contract with University of California-Davis
- Continuing to develop standard operating procedures (SOP) and assessment tool for ORCs, transportation and adoptions
- ORC, transportation and adoption training modules are beginning to be developed
- SOPs and an assessment tool for ORPs will be addressed at a later date

Wild Horse and Burro Shade Research Study

- In support of prior recommendations regarding shade concerns and continuous CAWP efforts, a research study was conducted by Kathryn Holcomb, PhD and Carolyn Stull, PhD from the University of California to determine horses shade preferences at Palomino Valley Corrals.
- Science-based decision regarding shelter provisions
- Objective: Characterize use of shade by BLM horses during warm, sunny weather

Wild Horse and Burro Shade Research Study Methods

- Shade structures (30' x 16') built in 2 identical pens
- Shade cloth blocked >95% ultraviolet radiation
- Hay fed along fence line in sun
 - Once per day, 7:30 AM



Wild Horse and Burro Shade Research Study Methods

- Preference test
- Trial Design
 - 4 mares /pen
 - Data collected for 5 days
 - Switched pens
 - Data collected for 5 more days
- Four trials
 - Total of 32 different horses
- Aug 10 to Oct 1, 2014



Wild Horse and Burro Shade Research Study

Data Collected



Shade use: location in pen

Time-lapse cameras

Every 10 seconds

9:30 am to 5:00 pm



Weather

Ambient temperature

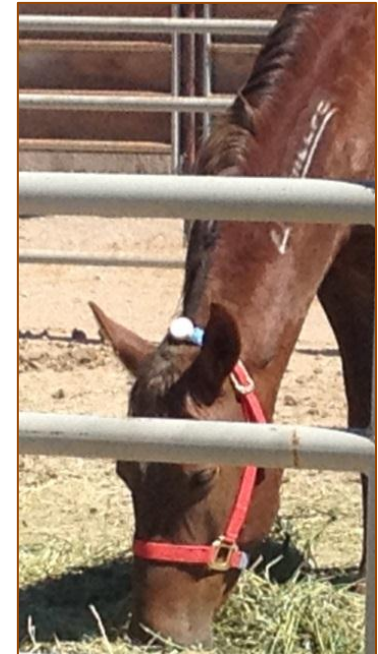
Humidity

Solar radiation

Black globe temperature

Ultraviolet radiation

Dosimeters on halters



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Measurements

- Total time spent in shade per day (9:30 AM to 5:00 PM)
 - Number of times (bouts) in shade
 - Bout length
- Time of day shade was used
- Relationship between weather and shade use
- Relationship between UV radiation and shade use



Wild Horse and Burro Shade Research Study

Timeline for Completion

- Data entry complete
- Analysis underway now
- Report in May



Wild Horse and Burro ORC/ORP status

- Solicitations for both ORPs East/West and ORCs East/West were released in May and June of 2014
- 20 Existing ORPs rebid/awarded new 5/10 year contracts
- A total of four (4) proposals were received for ORPs and 24 proposals were received for ORCs
- TPEC (Technical Proposal Evaluation Committee) reviewed and rated the proposals
- Awards were made and approximately 2,800 new ORC spaces and 1,100 new ORP spaces are anticipated

Wild Horse and Burro ORC/ORP status (continued)

- On February 19, the program advertised for new ORPs. Solicitation closes April 22
- Proposals must carry a minimum capacity of 100 head in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas or Wyoming
- In an effort to reach new ORP contractors, the program formed an Integrated Planning Team (IPT). The IPT developed a better solicitation and increased the marketing and outreach efforts.
- Increased marketing efforts
 - Press Release
 - FAQ Sheet and Dedicated webpage
 - Radio Ads/Interviews/E-Blasts

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Oct 25–26	Kaufman, TX
Oct 31–Nov 1	Nevada, MO
Nov 4–18	Internet,* blm.gov/adoptahorse
Nov 7–8	Ardmore, OK
Nov 9	Cañon City, CO*
Nov 14–15	Harrisonburg, VA
Nov 21	Cañon City, CO*
Dec 9	Pauls Valley, OK
Dec 19	Cañon City, CO*
Jan 16–17	Brandon, FL
Jan 22–24	Fort Worth, TX*
Feb 13–14	DeRidder, LA

* Trained animals available.

For schedules and directions to these events,
and to learn about other, regularly available
adoption opportunities at BLM facilities
throughout the year, go to blm.gov.



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Mary Miller Jordan and her adopted horse, Silver Lining. (photo: Sarah Woody)

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America's Mustang Campaign

- Coordination with MHF
- Website Launch
- Activities include both on-range and off-range events



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